

TREATIES ARE CONTAGIOUS.

Swiss Government Will Undertake General Arbitration Arrangement.

New York, Nov. 17.—It is announced that an arbitration treaty between Switzerland and Belgium has been signed, cables the Herald's correspondent at Geneva, Switzerland. Negotiations for a treaty with Germany similar to that existing between Great Britain and Germany has been favorably received. The correspondent adds that he hears on the best authority that the Swiss government intends to take the initiative in a series of treaties with all nations requiring that all questions, even vital ones touching upon the honor of each signatory shall be submitted for settlement to The Hague tribunal. This is intended to serve as an example.

Thankless but Necessary Tasks.

Here is one of the tasks against which many women have rebelled for ages:

Washing dishes.

Yet three times a day, for 365 days in the year, in every home there are dishes to be washed and somebody has to wash them.

Just ten hundred and ninety-five times every year this task has to be done, and there are lots of good sweet little women who do it without a word of complaint.

And they are truly the wise women of the earth, for this washing dishes business is but a sign and symbol of the ceaseless repetitive work which lies ahead of every mortal, man or woman.

We are, every last one of us, washing dishes of one sort or another, and well for us and most fortunate if we are like the before-mentioned cheery little wise women who are doing with patience in their souls and love in their hearts what their hands find to do. Philadelphia Telegraph.

The Submarine Boat in War.

The Japanese-Russian war has not yet brought the submarine boat to a practical test; but it has been sufficiently well developed and proved to make it certain that it will, at some time, play an important part in naval warfare. It is the next great instrument of destruction to be used, especially since the torpedo boat has, in Japanese hands, proved so effective.

The submarine torpedo boat is an enlarged Whitehead torpedo, with human intelligence instead of automatic machinery to guide it, and with a

launching tube instead of the charge of gun cotton in its nose. There are several types in more or less successful operation. Notable is the French type that sinks by filling tanks, which is a slow operation. Then there is the Lake (American) submarine, that hauls itself under by inclined hydro-planes; and the Holland type, recently acquired by the United States government, that dives while under motion, and is really what the others are not—a mechanical fish.—Morgan Robertson in the November World's Work.

BUTLER STOLE JEWELS.

Society Woman Loses \$3,000 Worth of Ornaments.

New York, Nov. 17.—Jewels, valued at \$3,000 have been stolen from the apartments of Mrs. Eleanor Lorraine Beatty, a well known society woman of Pittsburg and New York.

Simultaneously with the theft of the jewels, the butler disappeared. His wife, who was employed as house-keeper, was at once arrested and is said to have confessed that her husband was guilty; that he had desecrated immediately for Europe. Detectives have been detailed to watch all outgoing steamers.

Estimated Cost of Timber.

Another estimate of the amount of standing timber on the Pacific coast, has been made, this time by experts in the employ of New York, Boston and London people who are heavily interested in the Southern Pacific railroad and the Santa Fe. It is said that these stockholders approve of these roads building into the timber belts. According to these experts, there is a visible supply of timber in the three states of California, Oregon and Washington of 700,000,000,000 feet. Of this amount, Oregon is credited with 240,000,000,000 feet, and Washington and California with 230,000,000,000 feet each.

Strike Closed Shops.

New York, Nov. 17.—The clerks having gone on a strike, the shops remained closed Tuesday, according to a Herald dispatch from Buenos Ayres, Argentina. It is stated that the business men are ready to grant nearly all of the demands.

Second Squadron Sailed.

Dakar, Africa, Nov. 17.—The Russian second Pacific squadron bound for the far east sailed from here Wednesday evening.

EMPLOYEES RESPONSIBLE.

Crew of Freight and Operator Cause Wreck.

Salt Lake, Nov. 16.—A special to the Herald from Cheyenne, Wyo., says: The coroner's jury of Sweetwater county that has been investigating the wreck on the Union Pacific at Azuze, several days ago, when a westbound passenger train and an eastbound freight came together in a head-on collision, causing the death of 12 persons and the injury of several others, has rendered a verdict holding the crew of the freight train and the operator at Granger jointly responsible for the wreck.

CHINESE SEEKING ADMITTANCE.

Officials Are Strict and Many of Them Are Denied.

San Francisco, Nov. 16.—Sixteen section six certificate Chinese are now under investigation by the Chinese bureau. These men are the last consignment to the St. Louis fair and will probably be denied. Fifteen who came on the steamer China were examined and 14 denied. This also, though they claim that Washington is their terminus, admit a purpose of visiting the fair and, therefore, are thought to be a part of the band who have been brought here by the Chinese ring to be landed.

WILL NOT ADVANCE.

Tool Builders Maintain Schedules Unless Raw Material Jumps.

New York, Nov. 17.—Members of the National Machine Tool Builders association, in session here, have decided against any advance in prices unless there should be a further rise in raw materials. Resolutions were adopted favoring reciprocity treaties with all European countries.

The association represents 75 per cent of the machine tool builders in the United States.

CARRIES MULES AND LUMBER.

Dix Sails for Manila With Large Cargo.

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—The army freight transport Dix sailed yesterday for Honolulu and Manila with an immense cargo, including 120 mules, that will be used by the army in the Philippines. There was also 1,250,000 feet of lumber on board.

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